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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS ON CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

REF: STATE 131357 AND WARSAW 3238 AND 3201.

PASS COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE

1. SUMMARY: POLAND NEEDS DELIVERY OF ABOUT 50,000 TONS OF PROTEIN MEAL DURING EXPORT LICENSING PERIOD. PLEA OF GOP AGRICULTURE MINISTER FOR SHIPMENT THIS QUANTITY TRANSMITTED. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT GOP HAS REAL NEED FOR THESE COMMODITIES. END SUMMARY.

2. POST PASSED CONTENTS OF STATE 131357 TO INVOLVED GOP AGENCIES. FYI ROLIMPEX ADVISED AGAINST TRICK THAT GOP WILL AS RESULT OF THIS LATEST ACTION PROBABLY BE UNABLE OBTAIN DELIVERY OF 3,000 METRIC TONS OF LINSEED MEAL, SEPTEMBER SHIPMENT AND 1,300 METRIC TONS OF PEANUT MEAL, SEPTEMBER SHIPMENT. ACCORDING TO ROLIMPEX AND ANIMEX THERE ARE APPARENT PROBLEMS WITH OTHER GOP CONTRACTS FOR LISTED IN REF STATE CABLE LICENSED COMM-
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ODITIES.

3. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE OKUNIEWSKI YESTERDAY ADVISED AMBASSADOR AND AGATT THAT POLAND IS IN DIRE NEED OF THE APPROXIMATELY 21,500 TONS OF SOYBEAN AND OTHER PROTEIN MEALS WHICH HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM THE U.S. FOR SHIPMENT JULY-OCTOBER, AND THE 30,000 METRIC TONS OF UNPURCHASED SOYMEAL REPORTED IN REF WARSAW CABLES. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR'S HELP IN INSURING THAT THESE TOTAL QUANTITIES WOULD BE LICENSED FOR SHIPMENT TO POLAND. HE INDICATED THAT GOP NEVER BUYS COMMODITIES FOR SPECULATIVE PURPOSES, BUT PURCHASES ONLY SUCH QUANTITIES OF FOOD AND FEED COMMODITIES AS ARE DETERMINED NECESSARY TO THE COUNTRY'S NEEDS. HE INDICATED SERIOUS CONCERN THAT POLAND'S LIVESSTKOCK PRODUCTION WOULD SUFFER FROM ANY SHORTFALL OF THEIR REQUIREMENTS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: GOP BOUGHT A REPORTED 458,000 METRIC TONS OF SOYBEAN MEAL AND OTHER VEGETABLE PROTEIN MEALS FOR FEED PURPOSES AND 157,500 METRIC TONS OF SOYBEANS TO DATE DURING THE 1972-73 MARKETING YEAR. OF THESE QUANTITIES ONLY THE ABOVE-MENTIONED 21,500 TONS HAS NOT BEEN SHIPPED. ROLIMPEX INDICATED THAT ONLY WILD MARKET CONDITIONS PREVENTED PURCHASE OF THE ADDITIONAL 30,000 TONS NEEDED. EMBASSY CONSIDERS THAT ABOVE TRADE OPERATIONS AND PURCHASE METHODS IN PREVIOUS YEARS DEFINITELY SHOWS THAT GOP HAS BEEN GOOD, RESPONSIBLE, NON-SPECULATIVE TYPE CUSTOMER FOR THESE COMMODITIES. USDO STUDIES OF GOP ANIMAL FEED PROTEIN SUPPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS ALSO GENERALLY CORROBORATE THAT POLAND HAS MINIMIZED IMPORTS OF SUCH COMMODITIES. FURTHER THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THIS COUNTRY'S LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION PROGRAMS (I.E. CURRENT ANIMAL AND POULTRY POPULATIONS) HAVE BEEN UNDERTAKEN WITH FULL RECOGNITION AND WIDE DISSEMINATION OF FACT THAT POLAND IS NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT IN HIGH CARBOHYDRATE AND PROTEIN FEEDS WITH DEFICITS IMPORTED EACH YEAR. IF NEEDED QUANTITIES COULD BE EXPORTED TO POLAND, IT IS CONSIDERED QUITE POSSIBLE THAT GOP DURING SUMMER MONTHS WOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE FIRM MINIMUM PURCHASE COMMITMENT FOR 1973-74 MARKETING YEAR. DECONTROL ON RECEIPT.
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